

Read the text below and complete it with words from the list. Change the form where necessary.

consume / contribute / destroy / exhaust / fuels / increase / inefficiency / means / renewable / rise / tackle

Transport fuels

In the last 50 years, the number of cars on British roads has (1) _____ from two million to over 20 million, and this figure continues to (2) _____. Even after a century of engineering, the conventional car is incredibly (3) _____. Almost 80% of the fuel energy a normal car (4) _____ is lost as engine heat and (5) _____ fumes, so that only 20 % is actually used to move the car.

Cars and lorries cause noise, pollution, harm to health, and the (6) _____ of habitats. They also (7) _____ to global warming.

These problems can really only be (8) _____ in two ways. Firstly, by using cars and lorries less and looking at alternative (9) _____ of transport such as trains, buses, trams, bicycles and of course our feet! Secondly, by moving towards alternative (10) _____. Amongst possible solutions are biodiesel, made from plant or animal oils, as well as using electricity from (12) _____ sources to power electric motors.